Introduced by Senator Morrow

February 18, 2005

An act to amend Section 952 of the Evidence Code, relating to privileged communications.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 529, as introduced, Morrow. Evidence: lawyer-client privilege. Existing law governs the admissibility of evidence in court proceedings and generally provides a privilege as to communications made in the course of the lawyer-client relationship, as specified.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to those provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- SECTION 1. Section 952 of the Evidence Code is amended to read:
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 952. As used in this article, "confidential communication
- 4 between client and lawyer" means information transmitted
- 5 between a client and his or her lawyer in the course of that
- 6 relationship and in confidence by a means which, so far as the
- 7 client is aware, discloses the information to no third persons
- 8 other than those who are present to further the interest of the
- 9 client in the consultation or those to whom disclosure is
- 10 reasonably necessary for the transmission of the information or
- 11 the accomplishment of the purpose for which the lawyer is
- 12 consulted, and includes a legal opinion formed and the advice
- 13 given by the lawyer in the course of that relationship.

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